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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/579,663	Applicant(s) KHOSLA ET AL.
	Examiner MAURY AUDET	Art Unit 1654

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/17/06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| <p>1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</p> <p>2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</p> <p>3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Parent Data

10579663, filed 06/11/2008 is a national stage entry of PCT/US04/37873, International Filing Date: 11/12/2004

PCT/US04/37873 is a continuation of 10716846, filed 11/18/2003 ,now U.S. Patent #7265093

10716846 is a continuation in part of PCT/US03/15343, filed 05/14/2003

PCT/US03/15343 Claims Priority from Provisional Application 60380761, filed 05/14/2002

PCT/US03/15343 Claims Priority from Provisional Application 60392782, filed 06/28/2002

PCT/US03/15343 Claims Priority from Provisional Application 60422933, filed 10/31/2002

PCT/US03/15343 Claims Priority from Provisional Application 60428033, filed 11/20/2002

Parent US '093 was drawn to methods of treating Celiac Sprue using what appears to be the same or almost the same tTGase inhibitor of present formula 1, in which Castelhana et al. I & II were cited as reading thereon (but to a different method of use). Applicant may wish to amend the claimed formula as was done in the parent (see 1/23/07 response therein), in order to amend around what is known in the art, such as Castelhana et al. I & II.

Claim Observations

In claim 1, line 2, Ri should be R1.

In claim 1, line 6 and claim 2, line 2, a phrase begins "where X2-15 is...". No antecedent basis is found for this phrase? It appears to be

In claim 1, last line, the claim ends with the phrase "other than acid benzyl ester"? It is unclear in the context of X (either O or NH), how this relates? It appears to be a hanging alternative in the wrong location?

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In claim 9, there is no end period and claim 10 follows immediately and needs to begin on the next independent line.

Applicant needs to put SEQ ID NOS: into the claims and specification for all relevant peptides (e.g. 4 or > amino acids, not in D-form).

These are 5 issues the Examiner noted with just an initial review of the claims. Applicant is asked to review the claims fully for any other uncertain limitations.

Applicant is asked to address all of the above in the next response.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a formulation or compound comprising ANY tTGase inhibitor of the formula of claim 1.
- II. Claims 9-12, drawn to a method of treating Celiac Sprue and/or dermatitis herpetiformis comprising administering ANY tTGase inhibitor of the formula of claim 1.

Lack of Unity

An international and a national stage application shall relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept ("requirement of unity of invention"). Where a group of inventions is claimed in an application, the requirement of unity of invention shall be fulfilled only when there is a technical relationship among those

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inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features. The expression "special technical features" shall mean those technical features that define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art. An international or a national stage application containing claims to different categories of invention will be considered to have unity of invention if the claims are drawn only to one of the following combinations of categories: (1) a product and a process specially adapted for the manufacture of said product; or (2) a product and a process of use of said product; or (3) a product, a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and a use of the said product; or (4) a process and an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process; or (5) a product, a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process. If multiple products, processes of manufacture or uses are claimed, the first invention of the category first mentioned in the claims of the application and the first recited invention of each of the other categories related thereto will be considered as the main invention in the claims, see PCT Article 17(3)(a) and 1.476(c).

No 'Special' Technical Feature

The 'technical feature' (fixed core structure) running through the claims is nay tTGase inhibitor corresponding to the formula of present claim 1. Castelhana et al. I & II (also cited in parent), US 4912120 and US 4929630. As cited in the parent (Office Action 9/26/06), and not disputed by Applicant in response, these references teach Applicant's elected species in the parent which reads on the core structure (and an entire species corresponding to) of the present formula of claim 1:

Castelhana et al. I & II both teach the isoxazole moiety compound (elected compound of invention) {(S)- 1 -[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-2-phenyl-ethyl }-carbamic acid benzyl ester (e.g. associated RN #'s: 115329-49-2, 120245-03-6, 120244-83-9, 148416-83-5), for use as a transglutaminase inhibitor (entire documents, each), orally and in any known formulation at the time (e.g. enteric coated).

Since the technical feature is known, it does not constitute a 'special' technical feature. Thus, the claims lack unity of invention.

Species Election

Irrespective of which Group is elected, Applicant must elect a fully-defined, single tTGase inhibitor species.

The species are independent or distinct because a search for any of the above species is not necessarily co-extensive particularly with regard to the literature search and a reference, which would anticipate any one of the above species, would not necessarily anticipate or even make obvious another species, absent evidence to the contrary.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1, 8, and 9 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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Applicant is reminded that upon cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

In re Ochiai/Brouwer Rejoinder

The examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. Where applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 821.04. **Process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the patentable product will be entered as a matter of right if the amendment is presented prior to final rejection or allowance, whichever is earlier.** Amendments submitted after final rejection are governed by 37 CFR 1.116; amendments submitted after allowance are governed by 37 CFR 1.312.

In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103, and 112. Until an elected product claim is found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained. Withdrawn process claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowed product claim will not be rejoined. See "Guidance on Treatment of Product and Process Claims in light of In re Ochiai, In re Brouwer and 35 U.S.C. § 103(b)," 1184 O.G. 86 (March 26, 1996). Additionally, in order to retain the right to rejoinder in accordance with the above policy, Applicant is advised that the process claims should be amended during prosecution either to maintain dependency on the product claims or to otherwise include the limitations of the product claims. **Failure to do so may result in a loss of the right to rejoinder.**

Further, note that the prohibition against double patenting rejections of 35 U.S.C. 121 does not apply where the restriction requirement is withdrawn by the examiner before the patent issues. See MPEP § 804.01.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MAURY AUDET whose telephone number is (571)272-0960.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th. 7AM-5:30PM (10 Hrs.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecelia Tsang can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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MA, 4/8/2011

/Maury Audet/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1654